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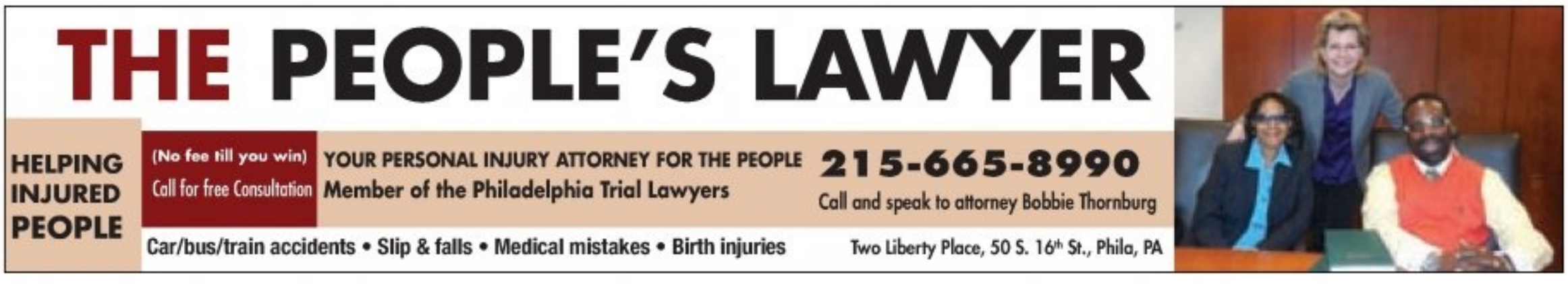
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1 Ted Cruz said that he introduced legislation to give governors the ability to opt out of refugee resettlement programs. Cruz said that if President Barack Obama wanted to send refugees to any state, his legislation would let its governor refuse, "to conclude that the federal government has not done a sufficient job ensuring that the safety and security of the citizens of the state will be protected." REUTERS

IRAN MISSILE TEST

2 The U.S. is reviewing and seeking to confirm reports that Iran launched a ballistic missile last month in violation of U.N. Security Council resolutions, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power said on Tuesday. She added that if Washington confirmed the reports that Iran tested a medium-range ballistic missile on Nov. 21 in violation of U.N. resolutions, the United States would bring the issue to the 15-nation council and seek appropriate action. REUTERS

AOL TO CUT 100 JOBS

3 Digital media company AOL has laid off around 100 employees, mainly in its dial-up business, as it looks to eliminate overlap with parent Verizon Communications, Techcrunch.com reported on Tuesday. Caroline Campbell, an AOL spokeswoman, confirmed that the company was realigning its workforce. REUTERS

7 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

TEMPLE STADIUM PROTEST

7 Temple students led a protest against a proposed new football stadium for the university on Tuesday in North Philadelphia.

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VISA WAIVER PROGRAM

4 The House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly on Tuesday to tighten restrictions on travel to the United States by citizens of the 38 nations who are allowed to enter the country without obtaining a visa. The bill, the second major piece of security legislation approved in the chamber since the Paris attacks, passed by 407 to 19. REUTERS

BULLET REMOVED

5 The trooper who took a slug to the shoulder while exchanging gunfire with a suspect during a high-speed car chase in Center City Philadelphia two weeks ago finally had the bullet removed. Trooper Patrick Casey underwent surgery at Hahnemann Hospital to have the bullet removed Monday, Philly.com reported. The shooting happened on Nov. 24 in the eastbound lanes of I-676 across from the 22nd Street exit. A driver fled after a traffic stop, and while Casey was in hot pursuit, the suspect fired at Casey. SAM NEWHOUSE

TEACHER ASSAULTED

6 The principal of Washington High School has been removed after students were arrested for assaulting a teacher. An instructor was teaching at the North Philadelphia school when two alleged offenders pushed their way into the class to retrieve a cellphone, which led to an assault on the teacher. JASON NUCKOLLS

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#Porngate judge charged, prosecutors transferred

Supreme Court Justice Michael Eakin was formally charged with misconduct, as DA Seth Williams announced the transfer of three prosecutors — all of whom have been tainted by the ongoing Porngate scandal.

Left, DA Seth Williams, center, Justice Michael Eakin, right, one of the Porngate email participants. FILE PHOTOS

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The fallout over the release of damning emails swapped by state employees containing pornographic images continues in Philadelphia and across the state.

Supreme Court Justice Michael Eakin, whose emails from a Yahoo account were released by Attorney General Kathleen Kane, was charged with violating judicial ethics by the Court of Judicial Discipline, and now may face sanction.

The complaint describes in detail the content of emails received by Eakin, and replies he sent, concluding, "Justice Eakin has acted in a manner that detracted from the dignity of his office."

Meanwhile, DA Seth Williams, who employs three prosecutors who were revealed to have sent or received pornographic emails while they were previously employed at the attorney general's office, announced that he is now calling on Kane to release all the offensive emails she has found.

"I'm asking the attorney general to release all the emails ... so that all of us can understand the full extent of how this affects the criminal justice system, the legal system and the entire commonwealth of Pennsylvania," Williams said Tuesday.

City Council passed a resolution calling on Williams to fire Frank Fina, Marc Costanzo and Patrick Blessington last week. Previously, female members of City Council and Dr. Nina Ahmad, head of the Philadelphia chapter of the National Organization of Women, also issued a call for the prosecutors' termination.

> *"Justice Eakin has acted in a manner that detracted from the dignity of his office."*
> Court of Judicial Discipline

In response, Williams transferred those prosecutors last week.

"I have transferred them to units where they're not actively prosecuting new cases," Williams said.

Fina went to the civil litigation unit, Costanzo went to the appeals unit, and Blessington went to the post-conviction relief unit.

But Williams said Kane releasing all the emails would give the public "a full picture ... not just a snapshot based upon who she was retaliating against."

"I want a system that's fair for everyone," he said. "I don't want there to be the perception that something is inappropriate. I want other law enforcement executives like myself or City Council members or state senators to be able to know when they're hiring people to understand the full background."

Meanwhile, while Williams ordered the three prosecutors to undergo sensitivity training, he repeated that they did not send any offensive emails or engage in inappropriate behavior while employed at the DA's office, and that he had no idea when he hired them of their email history.

"I would not know to ask people if while they were at the Attorney General's office years ago they were the recipient of inappropriate emails," Williams said.

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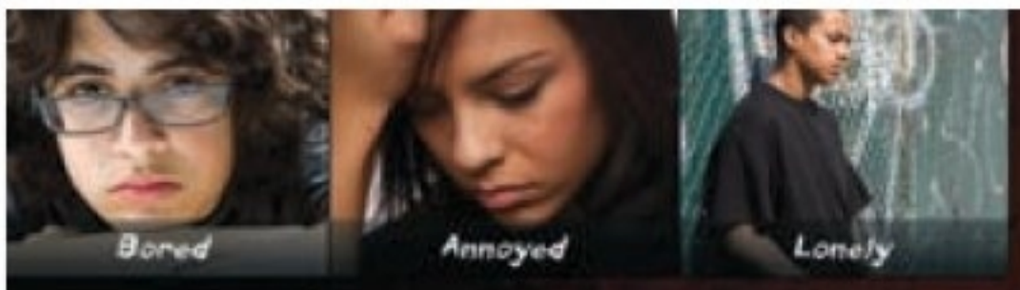

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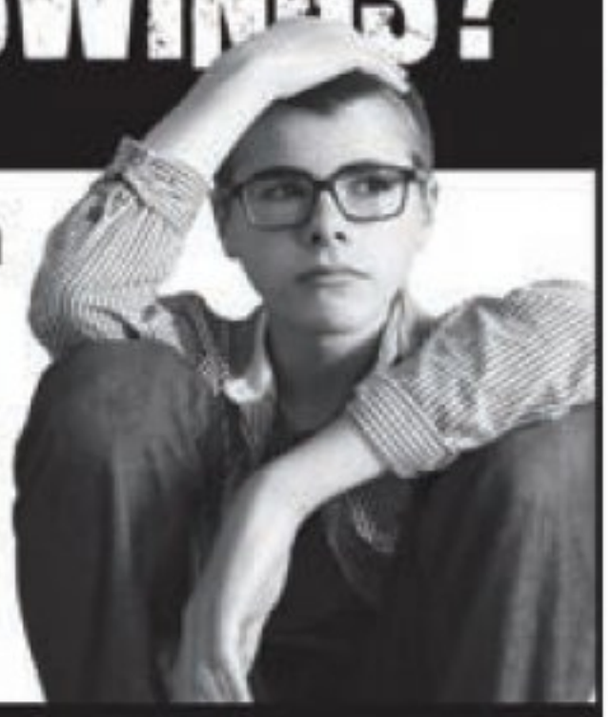

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Urban cowboys need

A Southwest Philly man fears he might not be able to keep passing on equestrian knowledge much longer.

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An urban cowboy in Southwest Philadelphia who has used his stable to train young men for a decade may soon lose the land where he has operated.

Malik Divers, 55, has a stable and corral on a narrow street — but his landlord wants more money for the land, and Divers is searching for a new home.

"There's no money involved in this. This is about keeping kids out of trouble," Divers said.

Divers found a vacant, garbage-strewn lot a few blocks away, and cleared it with the help of volunteers. But that land is located on a block where most property is listed as belonging to the Philadelphia Redevelopment Authority (PRA). Property records show some of it was sold for $1 in the 1950s, and now is listed for more than $500,000.

Since waiting to hear back from the PRA about using the land, Divers has seen garbage piling back up on the land.

"If they just let it sit here and don't take care of it and wait for it to sell — people are gonna come back and keep dumping and dumping," he said.

PRA spokeswoman Jamila Davis confirmed Divers reached out informally to ask about using the land, but said they do not know for certain if PRA owns the lot in question, and won't determine that out unless they received a formal letter of interest.

"He would have to go through the process if he actually wanted to purchase the lot," she said. "You can't just say, 'Hey, I'm going to have a horse stable.'"

Davis noted that a nonprofit cause like Divers' could be entitled to getting city-owned land for a reduced price. But the complex process could be a barrier for Divers.

Malik Divers, center, with young horse

"I don't want to buy it, I just want to set up a stable," Divers said.

Divers, who learned how to ride as a young man, is dedicated to passing those skills down to the next generation to young men in his neighborhood.

His apprentices have to care for their own horses for the privilege of riding them, he said.

Abdul Early, 17, has been riding at Divers' stable for several years. It took months to learn just how to mount, steer and control a horse, he said.

"After that, I fell in

Abdul Early helps a younger boy up onto a horse.

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"So many people think riding a horse is easy. It ain't easy. ... These horses listen to you because they trust you."

Coger

love with the horses. Every day I was here," said Early, a student who works for UPS.

Chris Coger, 19, has been riding horses since he was about 6 years old. He got part of his training at Chamounix Equestrian Center in Fairmount Park.

"Having a horse is my motivation. ... It calms me down, it's very relaxing, and it de-stresses you. These horses are my family," Coger said. "The meaning behind being a black cowboy in Philadelphia — it's a sign of respect, it's a sign of trust, and knowing where you come from and being part of your own heritage."

Coger is enrolled in an online school learning about animal care, and aspires to become an equine veterinarian and specialist, he said.

For Divers, his goal is carrying on the tradition — not just for himself and his riders, but for the locals who savor urban cowboys as part of Philly's unique character.

"They love it," Divers said of locals' reactions to his riders on horseback in the city. "They say, 'Ooh, look at the cowboy!' You hear 'clop clop clop,' it's music to your ears."

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Fear at mosque after pig's head 'threat'

The incident is being investigated by the police and FBI.

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Muslim residents in Kensington were on edge and angry Tuesday after a pig's head was left at a mosque.

The apparent anti-Muslim attack — which one local termed a "slap in the face" — came on the heels of the San Bernardino mass murder by a radicalized Muslim couple and virulent rhetoric from GOP presidential front-runner Donald Trump, who said that no more Muslims should be allowed into the country.

An increased police presence near the Al-Aqsa Islamic Society on Germantown Avenue did little to allay the hurt and fear, although locals say the neighborhood is, in general, tolerant of the Muslim faith.

Adeeb Ibrahim, 44, a manager at nearby Cousin's supermarket and a member of Al-Aqsa, described the pig's head as "a slap in the face."

"It's to disrespect your religion," Ibrahim said, who was worried about escalation. "I do see it as a threat, as someone who would do that might do something else."

But he said that Kensington has a large Muslim population and that there is in general no Islamophobic friction in the neighborhood.

"We're just regular American families, raising our kids like everybody else," said Ibrahim, who was born in Philadelphia after his father immigrated in the 1950s. "We're nonviolent. We're Americans."

"We're just regular American families, raising our kids like everybody else."
Ibrahim

Philadelphia police and the FBI are still investigating the pig head incident.

But Police Commissioner Charles Ramsey said at a City Hall press conference Tuesday that police are still trying to enhance surveillance video to determine the license plate number of a red pickup truck seen driving up to Al Aqsa early Monday morning, and they are calling on the public's assistance in solving the case.

A maintenance man at Al-Aqsa, who declined to give his name, said the society has previously had eggs tossed at it, but nothing like the pig head incident.

Erica Motter, 34, a substance abuse counselor in the Fishtown/Kensington area, said the neighborhood is not Islamophobic — but that she knows people who are increasingly attentive to and supportive of the message coming from Trump.

"The media feeds into people's darker and baser impulses," Motter said. "When they put Donald Trump on repeat, I feel like it's sort of giving people permission to say these things out loud."

That sentiment was echoed by Mayor Michael Nutter, who said he'd like to ban Donald Trump from Philadelphia — and later at a press conference said bluntly, "He's an a—e."

"Donald Trump is literally trying to radicalize our fellow Americans against our American Muslim and international Muslim brothers and sisters," Nutter said. "He is a dangerous person right now."

The Al-Aqsa Islamic Society, which had a pig's head thrown at it on Tuesday morning. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

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Tashfeen Malik and Syed Farook passing through Chicago's O'Hare International Airport in July 27, 2014. HANDOUT

FBI looking into $28,500 deposit in shooters' account

If the shooting proves to have been the work of people inspired by Islamic militants, it would mark the most lethal such attack in the U.S. since 9/11.

Syed Rizwan Farook recently took out a $28,500 loan from an online lender, a source said on Tuesday, before he and his wife killed 14 of his co-workers at a holiday party in San Bernardino, California.

Authorities have said Farook, 28, and wife Tashfeen Malik, 29, were radicalized Muslims. The FBI has said that the Dec. 2 attack is being investigated as an "act of terrorism."

While investigations into such attacks often focus on how they were financed, U.S. government officials said the Federal Bureau of Investigation's examination of the couple's finances has not linked them with any foreign group.

A source told Reuters that Prosper, a San Francisco-based online lender, made the $28,500 loan to Farook. Prosper evaluates borrowers for loans, which are originated by third-party bank WebBank. Prosper then sells the loans to investors.

One of the Reuters government sources said Farook and Malik apparently pursued a scenario previously followed by U.S.-based militants by draining their bank accounts and taking credit lines to their maximums before embarking on what they believe was a suicide mission, knowing that they would not have to repay the debts.

Fox News first reported on Monday that Farook engaged in transactions involving more than $28,000 and that the money originated with WebBank.com around Nov. 18. It said investigators were trying to determine if the money was a loan taken out by Farook.

WebBank, based in Salt Lake City, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Farook, the U.S.-born son of Pakistani immigrants, and Malik, who was born in Pakistan and spent most of her life in Saudi Arabia, died in a shootout with police several hours after their attack last Wednesday morning at the Inland Regional Center social services agency in San Bernardino, about 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

Malik was believed to have pledged allegiance on Facebook book to the leader of the militant group Islamic State around the time of the shooting.

A federal law enforcement official said Enrique Marquez, who has been described as a close friend of Farook, was being interviewed on Tuesday about the weapons used in the attack, including two assault-style rifles he had legally purchased.

Marquez's home in Riverside was raided by federal agents over the weekend. Federal law enforcement sources told Reuters that Marquez had checked himself into a Los Angeles-area psychiatric facility soon after the shooting.

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Tribute to the victims

At a meeting of county supervisors in neighboring Riverside County on Tuesday, officials paid tribute to the victims, including one who worked for Riverside County.

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Trump defends proposed Muslim ban from US as outrage mounts

The prime ministers of France and the United Kingdom, the United Nations and Muslim residents of Asian countries all denounced Trump's comments.

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump on Tuesday defended his proposal to ban Muslims from entering the United States, comparing his plan to the World War Two detainment of Japanese-Americans and others in dismissing growing outrage from around the world.

The White House called on Republicans to say they would not support Trump, currently the party's front-runner for the November 2016 election. U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said his comments could undermine U.S. security.

The prime ministers of France and the United Kingdom, the United Nations, and Muslim residents of Asian countries all denounced the real-estate mogul's comments.

Trump said his ideas were no worse than those of then-President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who oversaw the internment of more than 110,000 people in U.S. government camps after Japanese forces bombed Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

"What I'm doing is no different than FDR," Trump said on ABC's "Good Morning America" program.

Trump on Monday called for blocking Muslims, including would-be immigrants, students, tourists and other visitors, from entering the country following last week's California shooting spree by two Muslims who authorities said were radicalized.

Trump GETTY IMAGES

"We have no choice but to do this. ... We have people that want to blow up our buildings, our cities. We have to figure out what's going on."
Trump

It was the most dramatic response by a presidential candidate following the San Bernardino, California, shooting rampage, even as other Republicans have called for a suspension of President Barack Obama's plan to allow in some refugees from Syria.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson said Trump's proposal could thwart U.S. efforts to connect with the Muslim community, and Secretary of State John Kerry said his ideas were not constructive.

A Trump campaign spokeswoman, asked for comment on U.S. officials' reactions, did not address their criticism.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Trump's comments disqualify him from being president and said other Republican candidates should disavow him "right now."

In 1988, then-President Ronald Reagan signed into law a bill providing payments and apologies for Japanese-Americans who were interned during World War Two.

Trump leads the Republican pack seeking the White House in 2016 with 35 percent of support in a recent Reuters/Ipsos poll. His rivals nearly all criticized Trump's proposal on Monday.

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Yale University instructor tied to campus race protests resigns: school

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A Yale University instructor whose open letter suggesting that students had a right to wear even offensive Halloween costumes set off a wave of campus protests about racism has resigned, the school said.

Yale was one of dozens of U.S. colleges and universities where students protested in the fall about the legacies of racism on campus. The wave of demonstrations led to the resignation of the president of the University of Missouri and promises at Ivy League schools including Yale and Brown University to boost the resources they commit to promoting diversity.

Yale instructor Erika Christakis drew protests after she responded to a university missive urging students to avoid Halloween costumes that could be construed as offensive with an email saying students have a right to be "obnoxious."

New Haven, Connecticut-based Yale said on its website late Monday that Christakis, was "highly valued and she is welcome to resume teaching anytime at Yale, where freedom of expression and academic inquiry are the paramount principle and practice."

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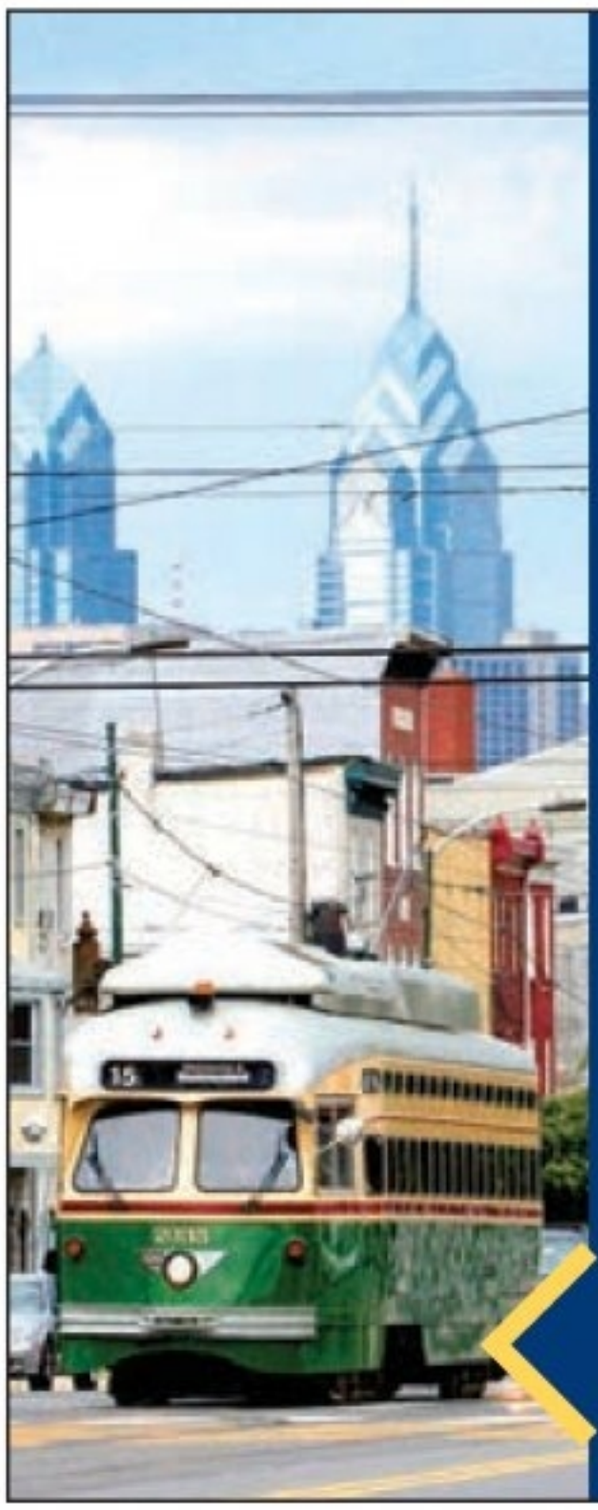

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FIFA official Napout agrees to extradition to US: Swiss officials

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FIFA Vice President Juan Angel Napout, head of the South American soccer confederation Conmebol, has agreed to be extradited to the United States in a corruption probe, the Swiss office of justice said Tuesday.

Napout, a citizen of Paraguay, was detained in Zurich last week on a U.S. warrant accusing him of accepting millions of dollars in bribes in connection with the sale of marketing rights to soccer tournaments in Latin America.

He and Alfredo Hawit of Honduras, acting president of the Concacaf soccer confederation, were arrested in a predawn raid by Swiss police at a hotel near the headquarters of FIFA, which has been in turmoil since a first round of indictments and arrests in May.

Soccer bosses from across South and Central America were among 16 people U.S. prosecutors charged last week with multi-million-dollar bribery schemes.

Napout initially opposed extradition but agreed at a second hearing Tuesday to go voluntarily, Switzerland's justice office said. It gave no details on when he would be handed over to U.S. authorities.

Swiss law mandates people being extradited must be collected by a U.S. police escort and taken to the United States within 10 days.

Corruption allegations prompted FIFA President Sepp Blatter to say in June he would resign only days after being re-elected to a fifth term.

Blatter, his deputy Jerome Valcke and European soccer boss Michel Platini have all been suspended by an internal ethics watchdog. None of them has been charged with a crime and all deny any wrongdoing.

In parallel investigations, Swiss and U.S. authorities are focusing on whether certain business contracts or the World Cup hosting rights for 2018 in Russia and 2022 in Qatar were won with the help of bribery. REUTERS

35th anniversary of Lennon's death

Items left on the mosaic named for the John Lennon's song "Imagine" on Tuesday at Strawberry Fields, the Central Park garden dedicated in his honor, in New York. Today marks the 35th anniversary of the night John Lennon was gunned down by Mark David Chapman outside his home in New York City. GETTY IMAGES

5 Apps to make over your finances

Apps make it easy to organize your finances on the go. ISTOCK

Make 2016 the year you get it all together with these tools experts swear by.

One of the most popular New Year's resolutions people make is to really get a handle on their finances. Whether the goal is to pay off debt, save enough money to take that dream vacation or just to stop feeling overwhelmed living paycheck to paycheck, there are many different ways to be stressed about money. Luckily, there are also a lot of apps that can help make life a little bit easier. If you are trying to get a grip on your finances, you may find these to be helpful.

1 FileThis

The app does what many people frequently forget to do since going paperless several years ago: download account statements. It also gives an overview of your accounts and gives bill due-date reminders. To get more connections and storage, you can pay $2 a month for up to 12 connections and 1 gigabyte of storage or $5 for up to 30 connections and 10 gigabytes of storage. Users also can opt to have documents downloaded to a number of other storage sites, including Dropbox and Evernote, or to their computers.

2 ItsDeductible

If you regularly donate clothes, toys, books and household goods to local charities, you need this app. The free ItsDeductible app from Intuit Inc. allows users to record contributions as they make them and offers values for common items. Users can print out an annual report for any tax pro, although TurboTax users can download the information directly into their returns.

3 DropBox

Accessing files from any device or location is essential for many people's work, but cloud-based storage also helps when traveling and in preparing for natural disasters. So it's a good idea to regularly upload travel documents, insurance policies, appraisal reports, home inventories, scans of old tax returns and other important paperwork.

4 Mobile banking

Financial planner Michael Kitces calls this "a crucial aspect" of his financial life. "The only time my wife or I have set foot in a physical bank branch for the past two years was to get a legal document notarized. It's glorious," says Kitces, research director at Pinnacle Advisory Group. All the other stuff most bank apps do — transfer money, pay bills, send alerts, find fee-free ATMs — makes this one amazing mobile money tool.

5 Mint

Intuit's free personal finance aggregator allows its 2.5 million monthly users to track their spending, monitor their credit scores and spot potential fraud by automatically downloading transactions from bank, credit card and investment accounts. It is also a favorite among financial advisers. "Mint allows you to combine all of your finances into one location so that you can take a high-level view," says David Almonte, a CPA in Providence, Rhode Island. REUTERS

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Jared Leto caves to irate Taylor Swift fans

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Those T-Swift fans can be tough, so be careful crossing them. At least, that's what Jared Leto has learned after a video from a few months ago of him listening to some Swift tracks for the first time and not being too impressed leaked online. "Oh, I don't like this at all. Next," he says while listening to "Welcome to New York." And though he had some nicer — if tepid — things to say about "Blank Space," the video ends with him declaring, "F— her. I don't give a f— about her." But apparently he does now, since her measured and totes reasonable fans mounted an online offensive against the "Dallas Buyers Club" star. Within hours of the video going viral, Leto tweeted, "The truth is I think Taylor Swift is amazing and an incredible example of what's possible. If I hurt her or her fans, my sincerest apologies."

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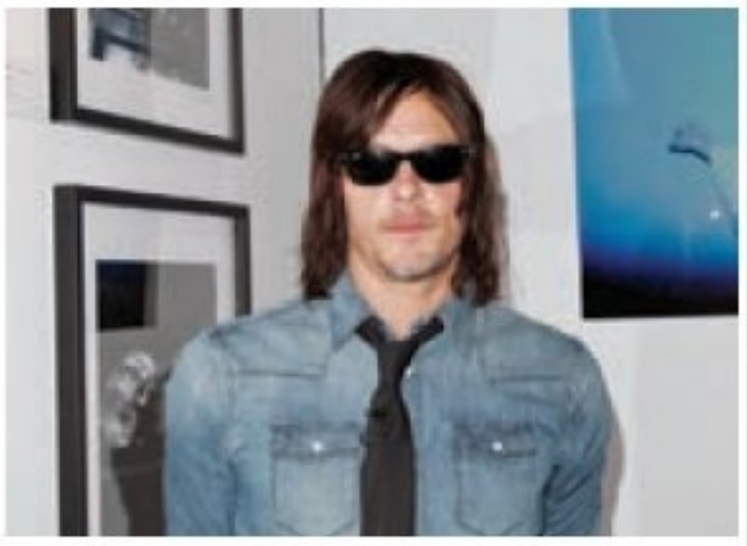
'Walking Dead' fan bites Norman Reedus



Being one of the stars of the world's biggest zombie drama, he really should've seen this coming. Norman Reedus was just enjoying a perfectly normal meet-and-greet photo session at a Walker Stalker convention — and clearly the name should've been a tip-off, too — when one particularly excited fan decided to lean in and try to take a bite out of his chest. Police and security stepped right in before any serious damage could be done, though. While the fan's teeth definitely made contact with flesh, Reedus decided not to press charges because it was "only a nibble" and didn't break the skin, according to E! News. But still, the woman was kicked out and has since been banned from all future Walker Stalker cons and events where Reedus is in attendance. Did anyone suggest a head shot just to be sure?

DAILY VIDEO

YOUTUBE

Prince sings 'Creep'

Finding anything by Prince on YouTube is damn near impossible, thanks to the notoriously cranky star's tight-fisted control over his digital presence. But he apparently went too far with a fan-uploaded video of him performing Radiohead's "Creep" at Coachella in 2008, as Thom Yorke himself demanded the clip be put back online after Prince had it taken down. Prince played ball, even tweeting out the link, and the world is better for it. Interestingly, he rephrases the lyrics so they're in the second person instead of the first — "you want me to notice when you're not around" — which may be most Prince thing ever.

Ava DuVernay's Barbie is the new Tickle Me Elmo

If you're one of the fans excited about the new Ava DuVernay Barbie, sorry — they're all sold out. The dolls inspired by the "Selma" director hit the Internet yesterday and were snatched up within a half hour. The doll, originally not for purchase, was created in April as part of Mattel's "Sheroes" collection, but fans loved it so much that Mattel decided to roll it out just in time for the holidays. "People have really been talking about why they are embracing this doll, but it's certainly not about me. It's about the image. That's what they're responding to," DuVernay tells BuzzFeed. Proceeds from the doll go to two of DuVernay's favorite charities, Color of Change and Witness.

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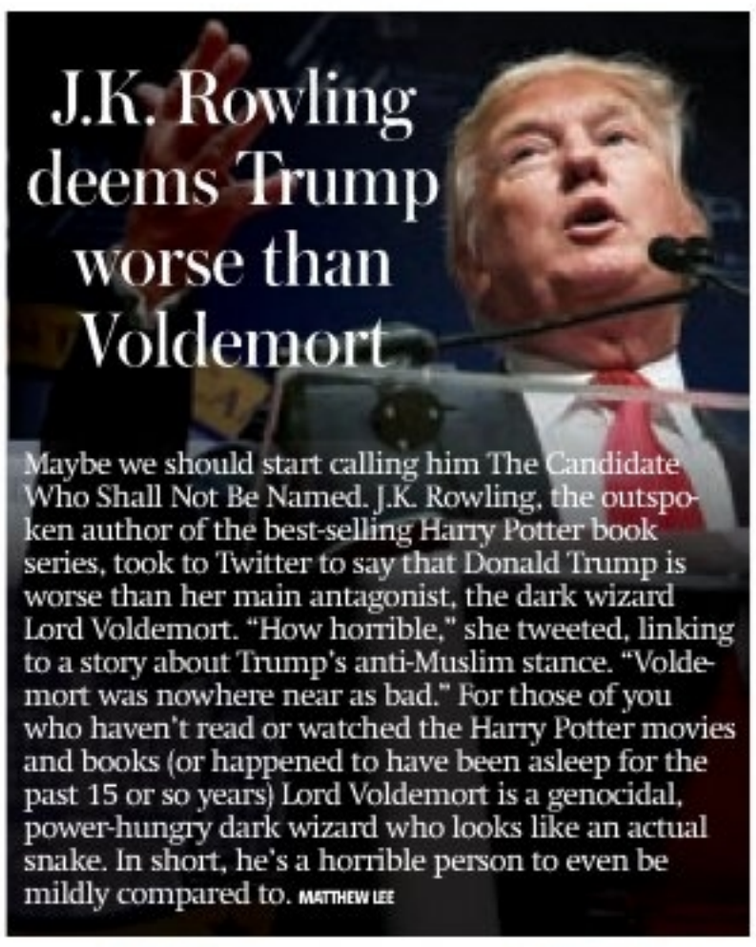
J.K. Rowling deems Trump worse than Voldemort



Maybe we should start calling him The Candidate Who Shall Not Be Named. J.K. Rowling, the outspoken author of the best-selling Harry Potter book series, took to Twitter to say that Donald Trump is worse than her main antagonist, the dark wizard Lord Voldemort. "How horrible," she tweeted, linking to a story about Trump's anti-Muslim stance. "Voldemort was nowhere near as bad." For those of you who haven't read or watched the Harry Potter movies and books (or happened to have been asleep for the past 15 or so years) Lord Voldemort is a genocidal, power-hungry dark wizard who looks like an actual snake. In short, he's a horrible person to even be mildly compared to. MATTHEW LEE

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Cinema studies

Kent Jones takes a fresh look at film history with "Hitchcock/Truffaut."

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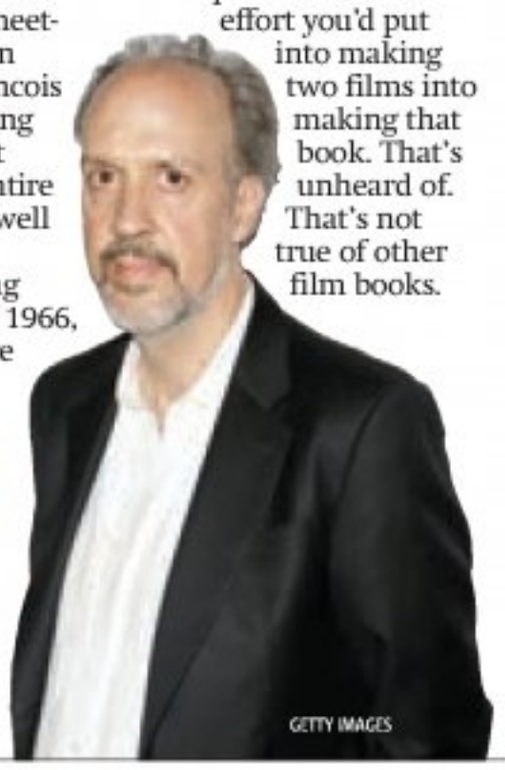
Kent Jones' documentary "Hitchcock/Truffaut" offers a look inside one of the most notable meetings of the minds in film history — Francois Truffaut interviewing Alfred Hitchcock at length about his entire filmography — as well as an examination of how the resulting book, published in 1966, continues to inspire filmmakers today.



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Why do you think this book struck such a chord with filmmakers and fans in a way few other similar works have?
It reflects the moment that it came out of. Truffaut was in New York doing interviews for "Jules and Jim" and was asked, "Who are your favorite filmmakers?" "Well, Alfred Hitchcock." "You must be joking." And then Truffaut just lectured the guy for an hour, then realized he needed to correct this assumption. And he put the equivalent of the effort you'd put into making two films into making that book. That's unheard of. That's not true of other film books.

Whenever Hitchcock stops the recording or goes off the record, what do you imagine they're saying?
When he's telling the story about the erection and Jimmy Stewart in "Vertigo," obviously something happened on the set or something. I don't know. Maybe he knew a movie star who remade a woman and then got a hard-on while he was waiting for her to come out of the bathroom; I have no idea. And then there's the "Do you consider yourself a Catholic filmmaker?" question. In both cases, I really like ellipsis. I just think it's a very powerful thing. I like ellipsis, and I like concision. I've never made a movie that's over 80 minutes. I spend a lot of time in the cutting room making things function. You want to build an ecology where everything is held. I think that ellipsis creates a space in the mind of the viewer.

Francois Truffaut and Alfred Hitchcock talk shop in "Hitchcock/Truffaut," in theaters now. COHEN MEDIA GROUP

Hitchcock was notoriously testy with some actors. Do you have a sense of what is the right way for a director to work with actors?
First of all, I think a lot of what Hitchcock says about working with actors is bulls—. "Actors are cattle" is just a good line. But I don't think that there's a right way or a wrong way. I do think, as [film director Martin] Scorsese says in the documentary, the balance shifted after the war. And I think that there are these kinds of peaks that have occurred with Marty in "Raging Bull" and "Goodfellas" and with Paul Thomas Anderson in his last three films where the way that they work with actors is so much of a give-and-take that they wind up opening the door to something astonishing. Not everybody can avail themselves of that.

Where did all the critics go?

It's interesting to think of this documentary in light of the changing face of film criticism.
Criticism is writing. Criticism is not passionately expressing your opinion in 160 characters. It's writing, and writing is rewriting. And it's also thinking through with the writing. It's not being in junior high school and coming up with your thesis and how you're going to elaborate your points. There's a lot of that nowadays. What was once known as the critical establishment just doesn't exist anymore. It's been decimated.

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How to direct a 'Rocky' spinoff

"Creed" director Ryan Coogler talks about making a legendary franchise his own.

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Ryan Coogler was almost a Philadelphian. In high school the filmmaker — of "Fruitvale Station" and now the "Rocky" semi-spinoff "Creed" — played football, and one school he visited when he was scouting out scholarships was the University of Pennsylvania. He wound up at St. Mary's College of California, where he eased into writing and then into filmmaking. But he always loved Philly, and was stoked to come back to make a film about not just Sylvester Stallone's Rocky but his new mentee, aspiring boxer Adonis, played by "Fruitvale" star Michael B. Jordan.

"Creed" follows some of the traditions of the "Rocky" films but it doesn't look like them. How conscious were you of making sure it honors the franchise but lights out on its own?

My thing in initially pitching it was this was a different thing. It takes place in the "Rocky" universe and obviously it's in that canon. But one of the ways we got Sly on board was we said this would be something new. That's what made him interested. If we were just making another "Rocky" movie I think he would have stopped us right at the door. At the same, time we had respect for the history and for the fans. There are certain things people expect from this type of film, no matter who's making it. But I always pitched this as a movie that was very personal, would be done in my own style. Sly was encouraging of that, as was everyone else.

"Creed" feels unusually handmade for a studio film, but it's still a studio film with a decent budget. How did you handle moving from indies to something this size?

It's just a different process. "Fruitvale" we made for less than a million dollars. This was 35 times that. You get more time, but you still show up and it doesn't feel that different. It feels very similar. You clock in at the same rate. You look around and there's more people and more tools, but at the end of the day it's kind of the same. It felt similar to sports. You play high school football, then, if you're fortunate enough to get a scholarship, you play college football. You still play on the same field. The rules of the game are the same, but it's just moving a little faster. There's a little more pressure. That's

Michael B. Jordan's Adonis and Tessa Thompson's Bianca are among the new faces in Ryan Coogler's "Rocky" spinoff.

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"Creed." WARNER BROS. PICTURES

how I felt.

What about the fight scenes? That's an entirely new style of shooting for you.
What's interesting about Sly is he was the writer, the director and the star [of the old "Rocky" movies"], but a lot of people don't know he was also a fight coordinator. The way the fights felt and looked, he was responsible for a lot of that. He was interested in knowing how we were going to do ours. He gave us a lot of advice, for sure.

One of the fights is done entirely in one long take. What was your motivation for doing that scene that way?
Boxing is interesting because you have all this prep work with the trainer. But then you're left alone when you go out there. It's a completely solo sport. You're left on your own, then you come back a minute, then you go back out again. It's kind of like ballet, where you go from loneliness to security, loneliness to security. I wanted to do [the long take] because it's the first fight where Adonis actually had a trainer. He had someone in his corner who knew what he was doing and had his back. It made sense to put us firmly in Adonis' shoes and stay with him for those two rounds. You don't give the audience a break.

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Did H&M just find the new 'It' designer?

Hannah Jinkins (center, with flowers) poses with the panel of judges. COURTESY OF H&M

At the 2016 H&M Design Award, the Swedish fast-fashion-retailer, alongside an A-list jury, looks for the future of fashion.

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Fashion lovers, remember this name: Hannah Jinkins. The 24-year-old designer from London just beat out 400 design student's from all over the world to grab the top prize at H&M's Design Award 2016.

To win the coveted prize — which includes $54,000, a fall 2016 collaboration with H&M and a yearlong mentorship with the brand — Jinkins had to wow a jury of style arbiters which included Balmain's Olivier Rousteing (the brand's current collaborator), actress Kate Bosworth, H&M creative adviser Ann-Sofie Johansson and the blogosphere's biggest fashion star, Chiara Ferragni (The Blonde Salad).

The panel, who had already whittled down the competitors from 24 to eight semifinalists for a runway showdown at Kensington Palace in London, described the Royal College of Art student's workwear-inspired collection as "raw and refined."

Jinkins showed utilitarian looks, including oversize jumpsuits, selvedge denim and fishermen-esque smocks, some topped off with oversize brass staples.

"We're not looking for something commercial at this point," said H&M Creative Adviser Margareta van den Bosch of Jinkins' aesthetic. "If you have ideas, you can always make something out of it."

The overwhelmed winner said she's excited to see "how things can be commercialized. It'll be nice to see how people can wear [the collection] on an everyday basis." As for the cash prize? The designer intends to "invest it in her own brand, and maybe buy a puppy."

Looks from Hannah Jinkins' winning collection. COURTESY OF H&M

Expert advice

Ferragni, who has more than 5 million Instagram followers, had some advice for Jinkins. "She needs to create her social media vision," said the blogger. "You have to think about how you want to portray yourself. If her clothing is worn by the right people — the cool people — it can be a powerful thing and send a product viral."

"It's a matter of being really close to your target group," added Johansson of the social media phenomenon. "We look to pop culture, which is picked up on the street, goes via the runway and back to the street."

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The women of 'Star Wars'

Daisy Ridley plays Rey, one of the new female characters in "The Force Awakens," which opens Dec. 18. LUCASFILM

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Last weekend, I was lucky enough to attend the press day for "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," J.J. Abrams' take on the series. This time around, we're getting a lot more women in "Star Wars," and I want to give you a taste of what they said about their roles, the film and girl power.

Carrie Fisher talked about being one of the first kick-ass women onscreen. "I am the beginning of girl power. Deal with it! I got to be the only girl on the all-boys set. It was really fun to put things in their drinks and stuff like that," she said. "Of course, we drank through the whole [original] trilogy! This was a sober set, so that's what J.J. brought: sobriety!"

And Leia still isn't afraid to stand up to men. "She takes on the physical power and screams at them until they pass out," Fisher said. "Trust me, I make fun of them. That was what was really fun about doing anything girl power-esque — was bossing the men around. I know a lot of you women out there haven't done that yet, and I encourage you to do so. Try it this afternoon."

Oscar winner Lupita Nyong'o, who plays Maz Kanata, told the crowd that despite her character being created through motion capture, Abrams had her on set for principle photography. "The thing that attracted me to doing motion capture [was] the idea of working on a character that wasn't limited to my physical circumstances," Nyong'o said.

Daisy Ridley, who plays Rey, one of the new batch of heroes, talked about having a role model — and becoming one herself. "Well, obviously Princess Leia was a role model for girls across the years, and I'm definitely not there yet," Ridley said. "But I think Rey will be something of a girl power figure. ... She's brave and she's vulnerable and she's nuanced. ... It just so happens that she's woman. She transcends gender. She's going to speak to men and women."

Gwendoline Christie will bring something entirely new to the "Star Wars" franchise. She plays Captain Phasma, the series' first screen villain, and it doesn't matter that she's a she. "The response from the audience and the fans has been so celebratory, it makes me think that this is the kind of thing that people want to see," Christie told the crowd. "People want to see a more diverse reflection of society. And I feel incredibly privileged to play that part."

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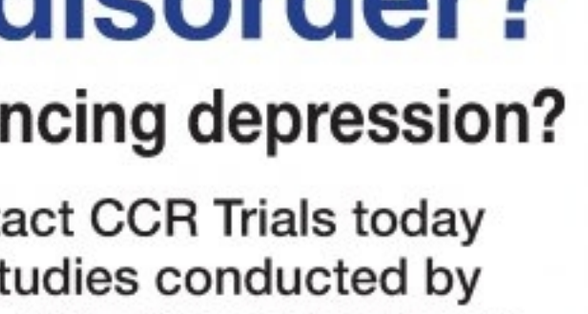

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The drawings that make up the Philadelphia Museum of Art's "Drawn From Courtly India" exhibit span four centuries in the history of that country's royal courts and range in subject from landscapes to wrestling matches with mythological beasts. But as curator Ainsley Cameron was assembling the show, her focus shifted from the scenes depicted in the drawings to the techniques used to produce them.

"I wanted to concentrate on process to reveal the techniques practiced by workshop-trained artists," Cameron said during a tour of the exhibition.

The 65 works on paper come from the collection of landscape painter Conley Harris and the late architectural designer Howard Truelove, which the museum recently acquired. It was through Harris that Cameron came to appreciate the artistry of these rarely seen pieces. "Seeing these works through his eyes revealed to me their shared love of drawings and the passion behind amassing this gorgeous collection. It influenced the way I started to see drawings."

"Pouncing" on a sketch

Most of the drawings in the collection were created in the artist workshops of the royal courts of western India and the Himalayan foothills, mainly as preparatory sketches for paintings. A few are finished works, but many show the artist's hand at work, as in the pin-pricked sketches used for "pouncing" — a process in which charcoal was sifted through the tiny holes in one drawing to create a ghostly sketch for a new piece.

Traditional techniques

Cameron immediately makes a connection to contemporary sign painting, which — like many of the drawings and techniques in the show — is often a tradition passed down from generation to generation. Christian Cantiello, founder of South Philly's Keystone Sign & Company, created a graphic at the entrance to the show incorporating details from many of the drawings. At the end of the show, she encourages visitors to put what they've learned into action in a room filled with art supplies that allow guests to make their own drawings.

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Making it modern

Across the main hall of the Perelman Building, another exhibit takes a look at a more modern India. "Picture This" presents the work of four contemporary photographers showing the country in very different ways, from Gauri Gill's portraits of young rural girls to Belgian-born Max Pinckers' vivid images blurring the line between photojournalism and pop-culture creations.

"Two Archers"

'Star Wars' gets sexy

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Burlesque may be as much about what the performer isn't wearing as what she is, but Liberty Rose has put a lot of time into perfecting her Han Solo costume for Friday night's back-to-back "Star Wars"-themed shows at PhilaMoca.

"It is fundamentally a striptease," Rose says of burlesque. "But you pick a song, you take a ton of time to choreograph to it, you make a specific costume for everything you perform. It's a ton of work, especially the scripted shows — I've been home all day working on stormtrooper costumes. I'm pretty sure I can say that most people do not come to my burlesque show just for boobs. The boobs are a nice touch, but it's not the main thing."

Rose, fellow burlesque — or, "boylesque" — performer Sharp Robert and Philly-based magician Francis Menotti, fresh off performing with Penn & Teller, wrote and star in "The Farce Awakens: A Burlesque Tribute to Star Wars." Sharp Robert plays new character Darth Robert, and Menotti is the embodiment of The Force. Andrew Dyer as Chewbacca, Maso Kiss as Princess Leia, Fem Appeal as Lando Calrissian and others make up the rest of this sizable cast.

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'Episode 5.5,'" says Rose. The live music is from Mercury Radio Theater, and animated videos will be projected onto the PhilaMoca screen.

Rose has been doing themed burlesque shows for four years, through Miss Rose Sexploitation Follies. The themed shows, as opposed to the scripted "Farce Awakens," fall under what she calls "director-based burlesque" — usually a looser variety show based around a filmmaker, though she has also done one riffing on Nickelodeon, and even a homage to the Founding Fathers.

"I've always done nerdy stuff as a performer," Rose, 29, says. "I started out classic, and learned to do more of the weirder stuff as I've gone along in the art form." Her first weird act was inspired by Monty Python: "It was basically me fighting the rabbit."

Rose is self-taught. She didn't have a mentor showing her the ropes — a Vintage Striptease channel on Comcast on Demand proved valuable — but she does provide guidance for aspiring performers. She has interns.

"I've done two rounds of internships. They get to see every aspect of burlesque before they go fully into it," Rose says. "They all perform pretty regularly now."

RACHEL VIGODA

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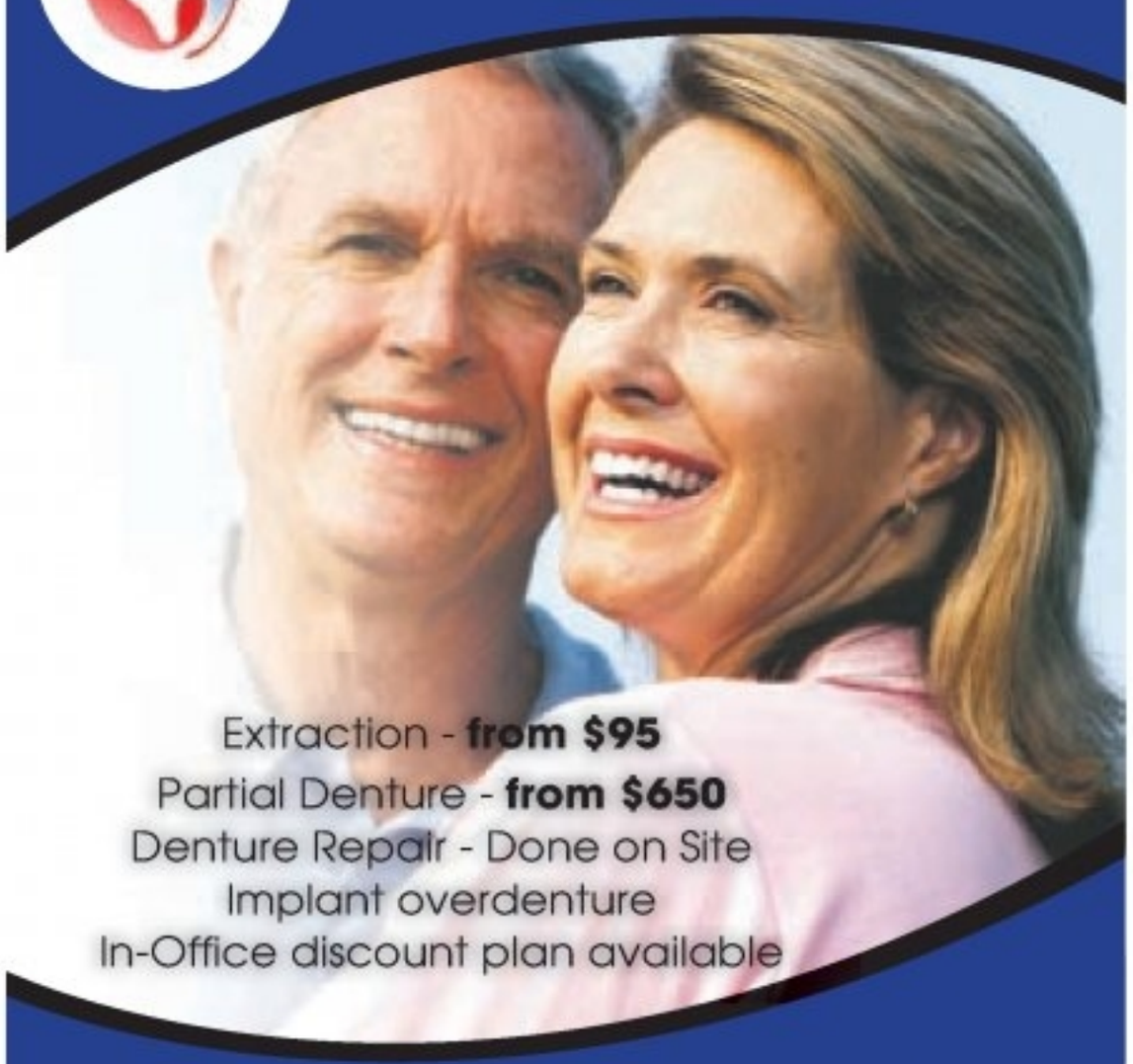

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Rose Quartz and Serenity are a soothing, gentle departure from years past. Here's how industry experts see the shades in your home.

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What will 2016 look like? According to the Pantone Color Institute, a puff of cotton candy.

For the first time in its history, the New Jersey-based firm has awarded two shades its coveted "Color of the Year" title: Rose Quartz (a light, dusty pink) and Serenity (its blue counterpart).

After years of bolder, richer selections, the soft hues are almost jarring, but they've been slowly been sneaking onto runways and into photo shoots for months. Sophie Donelson, editor in chief of House Beautiful, wasn't surprised by the change of direction. "I've been seeing a lot of designers use what I call 'sea glass' hues — gentle washes of color — to create rooms that reveal themselves over time," she says. "It's not about garnering a whiz-bang reaction, but developing a palette that's peaceful without being sleepy."

Interior designer Tara Mangini, co-owner of New York-based boutique firm Jersey Ice Cream Co., already knows her way around Rose Quartz. "We used a pink couch on a project last year, and then did a pink plaster kitchen on the next, and I totally loved both," she says. "Years ago I wanted to paint my apartment pink and everyone scoffed at me, so I feel

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If you want to use both, incorporate neutrals and deeper hues to avoid looking dated. "Serenity and Rose Quartz are very similar in tone so I could see pairing these with a bolder hue, like a deep cocoa or charcoal, and a pale canvas like a chilly white," says Donelson. "Those neutrals would do a nice job of taking the sweetness factor down a notch."

Think pink! Tara Mangini, co-owner of Jersey Ice Cream Co., is a fan of incorporating rosy hues. COURTESY OF TARA MANGINI/ JERSEY ICE CREAM CO.

like this is my moment of redemption."

As for Serenity, well, if you're having trouble imagining your junior prom gown trending, you're not alone. But according to Mangini, it's probably only a matter of time. "Serenity, I'm not so hot on," she says. "But I read some quote by Yoko Ono about how she was really into pink for her last project, and now is obsessed with blue. So I'll be loving blue a year or two from now."

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Can Colangelo usher in a new era for Sixers?

The Sixers' aggressive rebuild may take a slightly more conservative and conventional turn with the addition of an NBA Hall of Famer to the staff.

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The Sam Hinkie era has been legendary.

And for all the wrong reasons.

In two-plus seasons, the Sixers general manager has stripped down the roster to the bare bones, and the results have been ugly — 38-148 following a disastrous 119-68 loss to the San Antonio Spurs on Monday night at the Wells Fargo Center.

The Sixers are 1-21 this season. Their first-round pick from last year — Joel Embiid — is out for a second straight season. Their first-round pick from the year before — Nerlens Noel — looks lost at times, though he played well with 13 points and six rebounds against the Spurs.

This year's top pick — Jahlil Okafor — has been careening down a dangerous path with several off-the-court issues.

Plain and simple, the Sixers had to do something.

They connected in a big way with Monday's hiring of Jerry Colangelo as the special adviser to the managing general partner and chairman of basketball operations.

Colangelo, the current chairman of the board of directors for USA Basketball, brings instant credibility to an organization which craves just that.

Colangelo, 76, is used to winning. This situation is the complete opposite.

His thoughts on the process?

"I think it's way premature to pass judgment on any plan, and I mean that sincerely," said Colangelo. "That's not a cop out because you know me well enough. I'm direct with the media and I'll just be up front. … There's nothing etched in concrete here about what's going to take place. … I'm not going to agree or disagree on anything at this point. I need a little bit of time myself just to get myself thrown into this whole situation just to be fair to everyone involved."

Colangelo is an icon in Phoenix and he was part of that organization from 1968-2012 in a variety of roles from CEO, president, general manager and even coach. He also has ties to Philadelphia ,citing an early mentor in Eddie Gottlieb.

"The franchise is going through a difficult time, even though they're on a path and Josh [co-managing Owner Josh Harris] reached out and said, 'Look, here's where we are. I have great respect for you and your workload and ethic and your history. Would you be willing to come in here and help us accomplish what we want to accomplish,'" Colangelo said. "And after that discussion, I decided I would. That's why I'm here."

Harris is a brilliant business executive as evidenced by his portfolio. In the NBA, wins have been scarce. He's hoping that Colangelo will make a huge difference.

The Sixers have a chance to snap their dubious record of only nine wins in 1972-73. GETTY IMAGES

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Murray complains to owner, players don't seem to care

The frustrated running back seems to be the only person concerned with his playing time.

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It's kind of ironic that the week before LeSean McCoy's return to Philadelphia, the Eagles are dealing with another running back diva in the locker room.

According to various reports, running back DeMarco Murray, unhappy after not being the Birds' featured back against the Patriots (he had just 14 carries), complained to owner Jeffrey Lurie.

DeMarco Murray got just 14 carries in Sunday's win in New England. GETTY IMAGES

After leading the NFC in carries and collecting over 1,800 yards with the Cowboys in 2014, Murray was barely called upon in Sunday's 35-28 win, even with Ryan Mathews out for another week recovering from a concussion. Instead the Eagles turned to the speedy and versatile Darren Sproles and recently activated former Oregon Duck Kenjon Barner.

"I am out there blocking for whoever it is."
Lane Johnson

With Murray making headlines, the Eagles locker room seems to be more or less uninterested.

"I don't know what to think of it," offensive tackle Lane Johnson said.

None of the Eagles' players questioned during Tuesday's media session had much to say about the Murray situation, but Johnson did offer an excuse for the former Dallas star's poor performance.

"I think DeMarco, in this system it's different than what he's used to," Johnson said of Murray, who has 569 yards on 163 carries. "There is an adjustment period. It is going to take time. Darren and Kenjon have been in the system for a while."

So has Murray. The Eagles are about to enter Week 14, looking to win the NFC East despite a variety of shortcomings on and off the field. Is the "new kid" claim really an excuse?

Barner, whose 106 yards on 23 carries is close to a yard per carry better than Murray, was "called up" by the Eagles three weeks ago after not appearing in a game for the team since the preseason. He looked pretty comfortable in the Eagles' system. But Murray still isn't?

Kelly says the lack of carries for Murray had nothing to do with him, it had to do with the Patriots defense, and the fact that the Eagles had nearly 20 snaps fewer on offense than usual.

"It was a strange game offensively from the aspect of we were not on the field in the third quarter and very rarely are you not on the field but yet you're up two scores," the coach said. "I've been there before, it's because we have not been productive offensively."

Here's hoping the Eagles can figure out something. They're on the hook for $21 million in guaranteed money of his five-year, $40 million deal.

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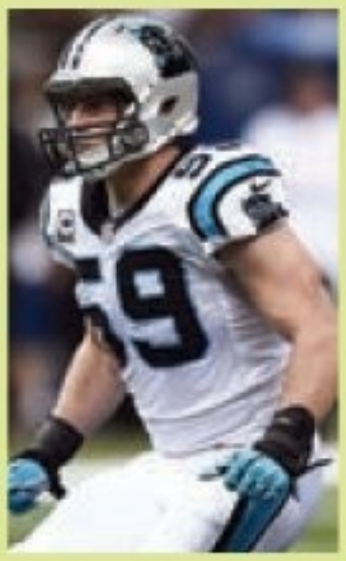
No. 1

Panthers (12-0)



The Panthers survived both of their closest calls this season on Sunday when they overcame the Saints' fast start and Cam Newton passed the concussion protocol. Only Atlanta, the Giants and Tampa Bay stand between Carolina and an undefeated regular season.

No. 2

Broncos (10-2)

Denver's defense is still playing lights out (as it has for most of the season) and Brock Osweiler is the game manager they need to get wins out of their play. The looming showdown between the Broncos and Bengals is looking more and more like it will decide home-field advantage in the AFC.

No. 3

Cardinals (10-2)

No Chris Johnson? No Andre Ellington? No problem. The Cardinals still ran for 175 yards on their way to 524 yards and a complete dismantling of one of the only two teams to beat them this season. And they only allowed 212 yards. Man, this team is balanced.

No. 4

Bengals (10-2)

The Bengals' remaining schedule includes what looks like two easy victories — San Fran and Baltimore — and two games of monumental importance. The first, next week at home, could bury the Steelers. The second, on Dec. 28 in Denver, could decide home field in the AFC.

No. 5

Patriots (10-2)

Sunday's home loss to Philly was the first proof that Tom Brady can't do it all on his own. With New England down a few strings on offense, receivers were breaking off routes and dropping passes Sunday, but mostly they were putting the Patriots' march to home-field advantage is serious doubt.

No. 6

Chiefs (7-5)

The Chiefs are the reverse Falcons. During Kansas City's win streak, Jeremy Maclin has blossomed into exactly the receiving threat the Chiefs desperately needed when they signed him. Their remaining schedule makes 11-5 an equally realistic and amazing outcome for this season.

No. 7

'Hawks (7-5)

Throw this column on the pile that may have prematurely buried the defending NFC champions. With recent wins over the Steelers and Vikings, the latter in absolutely dominant fashion, the Seahawks have proven that yes, they can beat really good teams. They're getting hot at the right time.

No. 8

Steelers (7-5)

This offense is nutty good, and apparently doesn't even need Le'Veon Bell to be dominant. DeAngelo Williams is averaging a full yard more per carry than Jonathan Stewart back in Carolina. Next week comes Pittsburgh's last stand in the division, against Cincy.

No. 9

Packers (8-4)

I know. How far is it fair to drop a team for actually winning? But last week's win over Detroit was another uninspiring performance by the Packers until Aaron and Richard Rodgers contributed some magic at the end. They face the Cowboys, Raiders and Cardinals in the next three weeks.

No. 10

Vikings (8-4)

That was one ugly loss to the Seahawks. Only a second-half kickoff return by Cordarrelle Patterson got the Vikings on the scoreboard. That said, this is what will happen to the offense when the Vikings fall behind early and Adrian Peterson gets only, say, eight carries.

No. 24

Eagles (5-7)

We all saw that coming, right? The ultimate proof of "Any Given Sunday" was rolled out in New England this week. Credit the Eagles for their victory, but pump the brakes on declaring the Eagles fixed. They were still outgained 427-to-248 Sunday.

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Temple's Matakevich is as good as they come

The Owls senior won the Bronco Nagurski award for the nation's best defensive player.

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If Temple head coach Matt Rhule set out to create the prototypical football player for his Owls squad, a hard-nosed defensive first team that emphasizes fundamentals and hard work, he wouldn't need to fantasize.

He'd just need to look at No. 8, the red-headed senior captain, who doesn't have size or speed. And doesn't really have the measurables NFL head coaches covet, either.

But middle linebacker Tyler Matakevich has grit. He leads all of college football in tackles. And he was selected earlier this week as the 2015 Bronco Nagurski award for the best defensive player in the nation, beating out Penn State's Carl Nassib.

"[Most recruiters] told me I was too small, too slow and I could not play at this level," Matakevich said. "It was everybody."

"[Rhule] saw that I could be a hard-nosed, physical football player. All the time I always tell him thank you for bringing me here. He says, 'No, thank you.' I said, "You believed in me.' He said he saw potential."

Tyler Matakevich and the 2015 Owls can be the first Temple football team in history to win 11 games. GETTY IMAGES

Matakevich runs the Owls' defense, leading the team to a team-record 10 victories, several top-25 rankings and a berth into the Marmot Boca Raton Bowl (on Dec 22 against Toledo).

The senior is only the seventh player in FBS history to record more than 100 tackles in four different seasons. He also leads all linebackers with five interceptions.

Through 13 games in 2015 he's accumulated 126 total tackles. He has 15 tackles for 62 yards in losses (4.5 sacks).

Matakevich said winning the award was an "unbelievable, awesome experience. Temple has had nobody here to win it. It is a humbling experience."

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25 Political thaw
29 Meeting musts
33 Uncanny
34 Midway attraction
36 Gold-coated
37 Big Band —
38 Bert's pal
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42 Came to
43 Fountain in Rome
45 More verdant
47 Led down the aisle
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50 31-day mo.
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61 Market worth
62 — de France
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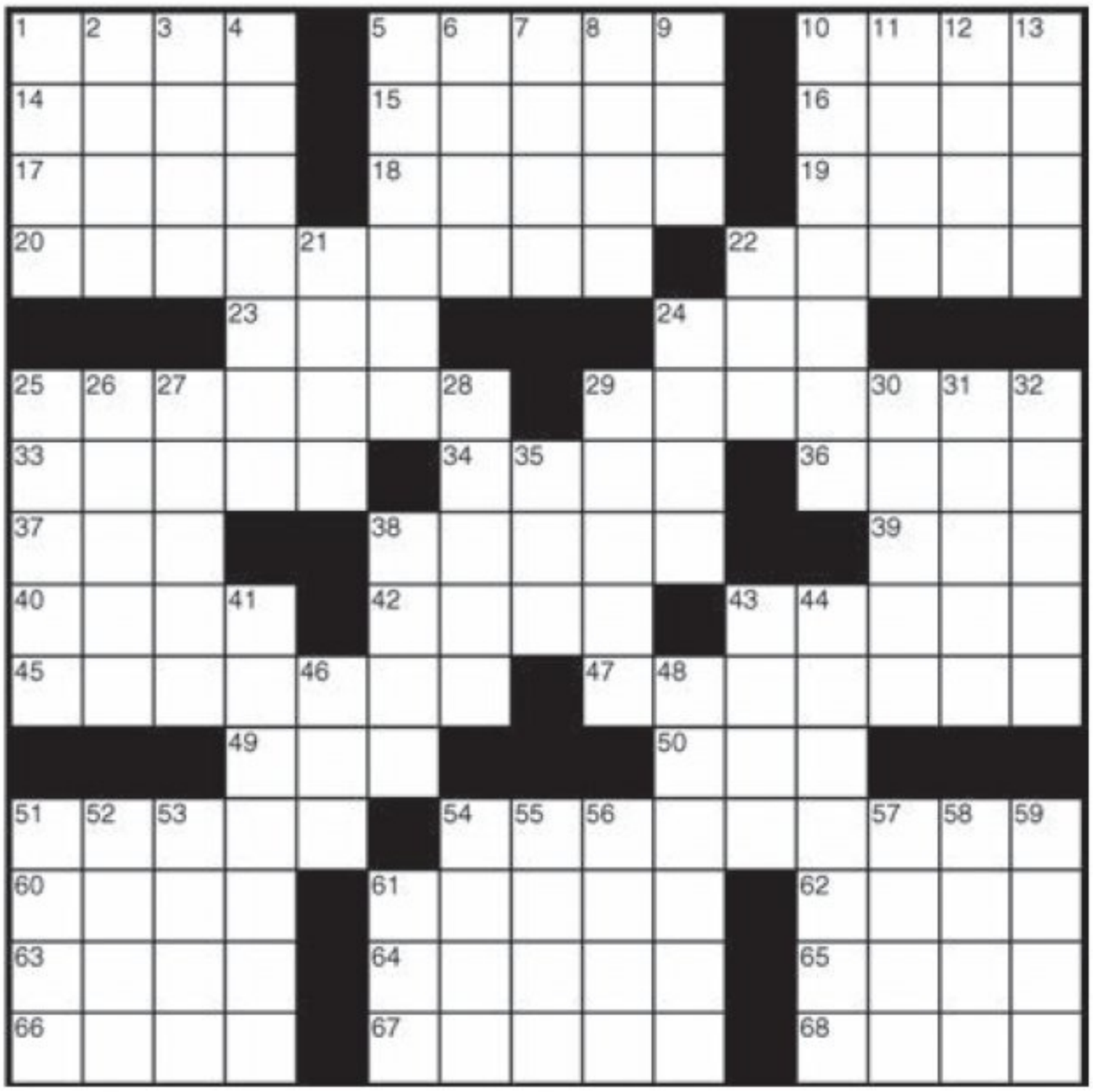

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Aries Prepare for the festive season. Financial gains look promising, with many contracts, settlements and winnings heading your way.

Taurus Make a point to share your thoughts. The support you receive and the input that's offered will give you the momentum you need.

Gemini Take on a challenge, but don't underestimate any opponent you face. Positive change is heading your way. Prove that you are responsible.

Cancer Getting together with old friends or reminiscing about the past will spark new enthusiasm and lead to the revival of hobbies.

Leo Being productive will make you look good and help you avoid troublesome emotional encounters. Listen to the voice of experience.

Virgo You should delay making a decision if you have doubts about the situation. It's better to be safe than to appease someone.

Libra Taking a trip or expanding your knowledge will spark interest in an unusual vocation. Consider your options and money-making ideas.

Scorpio Don't be afraid to be different. It's your special way of doing things that attracts interest and attention. Romance should take top priority.

Sagittarius Rumors will circulate if you haven't been honest with someone. Caution must be taken while traveling with authoritative individuals.

Capricorn You will feel relieved and in the mood to celebrate with someone you love once the work is done. Plan something lavish.

Aquarius Size up your situation and make decisions based on your findings. Don't let your emotions lead you down the wrong path.

Pisces You'll have a creative way of dealing with personal matters. Your actions will play important roles. Love should take precedence. **EUGENIA LAST**

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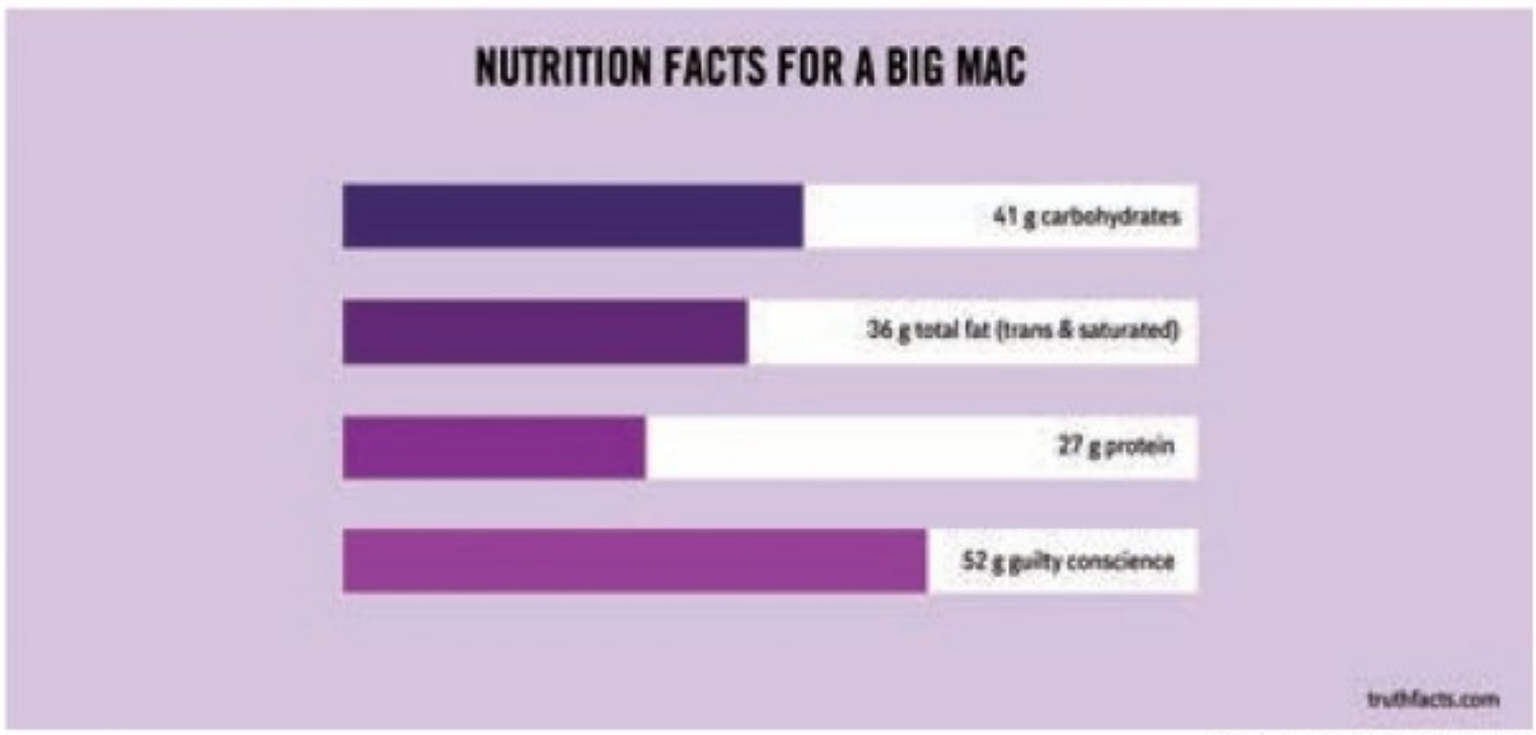
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